

Senate Bill 262

By: Senator Jackson of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-11-46.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuing education requirement and waiver, so as to provide waiver of certain continuing education hours; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Code Section 43-11-46.1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuing education requirement and waiver, is amended by revising said Code section as follows:

"43-11-46.1.

(a) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of a dental license under this chapter to complete board approved continuing education of not less than 40 hours biennially. The board shall be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional organizations and to designate the number of hours required and the category in which those hours should be earned.

(b) The board shall be authorized to waive the continuing education requirement in cases of hardship, disability, or illness or under such other circumstances as the board deems appropriate.

(c) The board shall be authorized to waive five hours of continuing education requirements for persons who have completed 20 hours of volunteer practice for public agencies or institutions, not for profit agencies, not for profit institutions, nonprofit corporations, or not for profit associations which provide dentistry services only to indigent patients as determined by the board for approval of such waiver.

~~(c)~~(d) The board shall be authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement and ensure compliance with the requirements of this Code section.

~~(d)~~(e) This Code section shall apply to each licensing, certification, and renewal cycle which begins after the 1990-1991 renewal. Subsection (c) of this Code section shall apply

27 to each licensing, certification, and renewal cycle which begins after the 2008-2009  
28 renewal."

29 **SECTION 2**

30 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.